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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday. 1 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 78th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [40]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

2. Question of Palestine [41]: draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

3 p.m. 79th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: trade and development [92 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology [92 (d)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 and L. 47

3. Sectoral questions: industrial development cooperation [93 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.22 and L. 42

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

5. Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.17 and L.46

6. Training and research [97]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.23 (item 95 (g)) and A/C.2/55/L.31 (item 95 (f))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	240th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*-1 p.m.		Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

3 p.m. -6 p.m.		Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the capital master plan
2. Review of the Information Systems Coordination Committee

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 1 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99 (e)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 1 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.35)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.32)

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference room to be announced

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 1 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), organized by the delegationof Botwana,will be held *today*, 1 December 2000, from 3 p.m to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) *today*, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 80th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

3 p.m. 81st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/55/591) [103]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: report of the Third Committee (A/55/592) [104]

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/55/593) [105]

4. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/55/594) [106]

5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/55/595 and Corr.1) [107]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/55/596) [108]

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/597) [109]

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/55/598) [110]

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/55/599) [111]

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/600) [112]

11. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/601) [113]

12. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602) [114]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5)

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/55/603) [12]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4240th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of the Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 7 September 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/865)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1131, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, the President made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1131).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1329) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1329 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

76th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Afghanistan, Japan, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Pakistan, Lebanon, Namibia, Qatar, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cameroon and Israel.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48 would be taken on the following morning as the second item after agenda item 40 (The situation in the Middle East).

77th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Mauritania had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.10.

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/55/L.49 and A/55/L.50.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Senegal, Yemen, Cyprus, Brunei Darussalam, Australia, Jordan, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cuba, Burkina Faso, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Armenia.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2000

82nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee adopted concluding observations on Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20).

83rd meeting

Adoption of the report

The Committee considered its draft annual report in closed session.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

Under this item, the Committee discussed its workings methods.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Romania (30 November 2000)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: United Arab Emirates (28 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Romania (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Namibia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 3 (5) and 9 (8) of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Colombo, 29 November 1991

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (29 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Ratification: Hungary (28 November 2000)*

Entry into force: 27 January 2001, in accordance with article 5 (1) of the Agreement

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place *today*, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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